

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

Filed: May 30, 2014

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LORETTA FLOYD,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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* UNPUBLISHED
* No. 10-739v
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* Special Master Dorsey
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* Attorney's Fees and Costs;
* Reasonable Amount Requested to which
* Respondent Does not Object.
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Richard Gage, Richard Gage, P.C., Cheyenne, WY for petitioner.

Alexis B. Babcock, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS DECISION¹

On October 29, 2010, Ms. Loretta Floyd ("petitioner") filed a petition pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.² 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006). Petitioner alleged that she suffered from neurologic, rheumatologic, and gastrointestinal injuries as a result of a measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccination she received on October 10, 2007. Petition at Preamble. On March 20, 2014, a decision dismissing the petition for insufficient proof was entered.

On May 27, 2014, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation on Fees and Costs. According to

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned's action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. Id.

² The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

the stipulation, the parties stipulate to an award to petitioner of attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$11,614.38. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's counsel represents that petitioner advanced \$350.00, in litigation costs in pursuing her petition.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-15(e). Based on the reasonableness of the parties' stipulation, the undersigned **GRANTS** the request for approval and payment of attorney's fees and costs.

Accordingly, an award should be made as follows:

- (1) in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and Richard Gage, of Richard Gage, P.C., in the amount of **\$11,614.38**, and
- (2) in the form of a check payable to petitioner only in the amount of **\$350.00**.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.